

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

April 4, 2006

The Board of Supervisors previously took a position in support of Proposition 14, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000. The funds from that measure are now exhausted.

The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006 has been placed on the June 2006 ballot as Proposition 81. This measure would provide \$600 million in bonds to assist local governments with the construction and renovation of public libraries. First priority for funding, up to \$300 million, will be given to eligible applications not funded in the third application cycle of Proposition 14 (Bond Act of 2000). Two County Library projects were funded under Proposition 14 – Lawndale and Acton/Agua Dulce. The County Library has one project in that was deemed eligible but not - the East San Gabriel Valley Regional Library Project.

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Three cities served by the County Library have projects remaining from the Proposition 14 funding cycle – Diamond Bar, Duarte, and West Hollywood. Beyond these projects, the County Library has identified additional need for new libraries and library renovation.

If Proposition 81 is approved by California voters, it will provide significant funding through a competitive grant process to further address long-standing public library construction needs throughout California, and especially here in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution in support of Proposition 81, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, and encourage County voters to support the ballot measure at the June 6, 2006, California Statewide Election.

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WHEREAS, a viable statewide system of public libraries is essential to support children and families and serve the general public in all local communities; and

WHEREAS, community public libraries are an important partner in providing quality education for children and ensuring lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is served by providing adequate resources to properly fund public library facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, local libraries throughout California need additional funding for the construction of new libraries, and for the expansion and renovation of existing library facilities to better serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, a California State Library survey identified over 500 local library building projects needed statewide; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14, the library bond measure approved by the voters in 2000, provided \$350 million and funded 45 library construction and renovation projects, but left another 56 eligible projects unfunded, including projects in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature and the Governor have approved the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, authorizing \$600 million in State bond fund grants on a 65% State – 35% local match basis, with first priority (up to \$300 million) going to projects eligible for Proposition 14 grants, but left unfunded; and

WHEREAS, this measure will appear on the June 6, 2006, statewide ballot as Proposition 81, and, if approved by the voters, will provide significant funding to address California's public library construction needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles endorses Proposition 81 on the June 2006 ballot and encourages voters in the County to vote in favor of this measure.